

Bulletin

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President's Message

By Cathy Huff

Dear Members,

As we look forward to the cooler temperature of autumn, I also look forward to the start of a year of great programs. Please take note of our **first Branch meeting on October 22**, when we will show *The Hunting Ground* – a groundbreaking, award winning CNN documentary film about sexual assault on college campuses. Please pass the word to your daughters, granddaughters, sisters, nieces, neighbors and all the men in your life.

On a lighter note, several of us met at the ACPL the evening of August 29 to talk about the possible start-up of two new interest groups. The first would be a revival of the **Women's History Interest Group**. Similar to the previous format, members of this interest group would report on women who have made an important impact on history—locally, nationally or globally. The format of the presentation of the material would be up to the reporter's discretion. Some have just reported on a book or the research they read and others have gone to the effort of portraying their subject. Our initial thought is that this group could meet in the evening at members' homes or at one of the local libraries.

The second group would be a **Cultural Arts Interest Group** and we would participate in events around our community such as theater productions, concerts, museum visits, art gallery openings, movies, school productions, events, speakers of note, etc. Other possibilities include bus trips to other city museums, plays, etc. Members of this group would research what events are occurring and the group would determine those they would like to attend as a group.

We would like to schedule a second meeting to gather a better idea as to who would be interested in either of these groups. We will also need a chair for each group and ideas from group members!

To this extent, we have reserved the clubhouse at The Heritage of Fort Wayne on Monday, October 10 from 6:30 to 8 pm. We will have snacks and wine to enjoy—feel free to bring a libation of your choice! Please call 260-403-7074 if you need directions to The Heritage of Fort Wayne, 5250 Heritage Parkway, Fort Wayne, IN 46835. Please RSVP to me (260-485-5290 or chuff@walkerinfo.com) by Thursday, October 6 if you are coming so we know how many to expect!

Finally, remember to check out all the great information we have packed into our newsletter.

2016-17 AAUW Fort Wayne Branch Yearbooks were mailed last week.

Did you get one?

If you didn't contact Pat Becker at 260-484-9105 or tonypat41@msn.com

Branch meeting on October 22

Learn more on page 5

Welcome New Members

Carol Shattuck

Chris Myers

Laura McDermott

Dr. Terri Swim

Theresa Brady

**Welcome back to Jenny
Weatherford**

*Look for their contact
information in our recently
mailed 2016-2017 yearbook.*

*The following contact
information was omitted from
the 2017 Directory:*

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Fort Wayne, IN 46805
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danishpele@gmail.com*

**The AAUW National
Office moved during the
summer of 2016.**

Please note new address:
1310 L St. NW, Suite 1000
Washington, DC 20005

*All AAUW
e-mail addresses and
telephone numbers
remain the same.*

AAUW New Member Benefits

By Barb Kanning and Margy Schimmel - Membership Co-Directors
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The "deal" is still running for any new member joining WHILE attending any Fort Wayne Branch activity/meeting! A new member will get their national AAUW dues at HALF PRICE for the first year! That means that part of the dues is \$24.50, plus \$20 local and IN dues equals \$44.50 instead of \$69! Remember, everyone in our Branch is a member of this membership committee. Invite a guest to come with you to our planned meetings and/or your interest groups. Margy and I have the forms they will need to join. Help us "grow" our Branch!

Do you know a recent college grad? You can gift a FREE national AAUW membership for one year. Go online to aauw.org and go to "Give a Grad a Gift." You will need the college, the degree, graduation date, and the grad's contact information. Are they living in the Fort Wayne area? You can pay the \$20 local and IN dues to our treasurer for them and help them network with all of us!

2016-17 Directory and Membership Records

By Connie LaBrash, Membership Records
labrashc@gmail.com or 260-432-1887

When you receive your Directory please check everywhere that your name and information are typed. If there is an error or update please let me know so that the Branch's records can be corrected.

During the year if you change any of your data please send the new information to me also.

From AAUW Indiana

By Mary Lou Thomas, State Rep
redning11@aol.com or 260-672-0803

The Board of Directors of AAUW Indiana met in Noblesville on July 16, 2016 with new state president, Marcia Miller, presiding. Plans for the state and Branches include: working on "Getting Out the Vote", working with the Young Women's Task Force at Purdue, increasing support and interest for NCCWSL (National Conference of College Women Student Leaders) and offering leadership training for branch members.

The State Convention in the spring will be held at Fair Oaks Indiana. The board passed a motion to offer financial assistance to "first time" national AAUW convention attendees for the 2017 convention in Washington D.C. Keep an eye on the AAUW, the Indiana AAUW, and the Fort Wayne AAUW websites to keep abreast of all the activities and news.

AAUW Action Fund's 2016 Indiana U.S. Senate Voter Guide

Provided by Barb Kanning

Where does Democratic candidate Evan Bayh stand on passing laws aimed at closing the gender pay gap? What is Republican candidate Todd Young's position on reducing barriers to voting?

Do the Indiana U.S. Senate candidates support or oppose raising the federal minimum wage?

[These answers and more can be found in the AAUW Action Fund's 2016 Indiana U.S. Senate Voter Guide.](#)

The Action Fund has thoroughly researched the candidates' records and public positions to assess where they stand on AAUW's priority issues.

Use these guides to educate yourself, and [share them with your friends and family](#). Take them to town halls to ask candidates why they hold that position. Provide them to students when you table on campus. You can even create your own guides for additional state races using our [templates](#).*

Voter guides are part of the AAUW Action Fund [It's My Vote: I Will Be Heard campaign](#) to educate and mobilize young women voters.

There is so much at stake each time women head to the polls and, in turn, so much AAUW members and supporters can do to ensure that voters are educated, able to exercise their right, and encouraged to do so on Election Day.

Speak up and make your voice heard!

Evan Bayh (D)	Where the candidates stand on	Todd Young (R)
Support	Passing the Paycheck Fairness Act to improve existing civil rights laws aimed at closing the gender pay gap	Oppose
Support	Increasing funding for college affordability programs like Pell Grants and student loan forgiveness programs	Oppose
Support	Increasing resources to promote prevention efforts and stronger enforcement of federal laws prohibiting sexual harassment and violence in schools	Support
Mixed	Changing or privatizing Social Security to lower recipient benefits or limit participation in the program	Support
Unknown	Raising the federal minimum wage to at least \$10.10, pegging future increases to inflation, and raising the tipped minimum wage	Oppose
Support	Ensuring women's access to contraception without co-pay or cost-sharing, no matter where they work or go to school	Oppose
Unknown	Passing federal legislation requiring companies to allow employees to earn paid sick days	Unknown
Oppose	Using taxpayer dollars to fund private or religious schools	Support
Unknown	Amending the U.S. Constitution to guarantee equal rights for men and women	Unknown
Support	Passing a federal law to address bullying and harassment against all students, including LGBT and gender-nonconforming students	Oppose
Support	Reducing barriers to voting, like closing polling locations, eliminating early voting, and requiring voter identification	Oppose
Support	Confirming federal judges who uphold civil rights laws and established legal precedents	Oppose

*Please note that your state or branch must be a 501(c) 4 organization to create and distribute voter guides.

In Memoriam

By Jane Anderson

Sally Caudill, a member of branch since 1984, passed away on January 9, 2016 at Covington Manor, Fort Wayne. She had not been a member for the last three of four years since she was in Covington Manor Nursing Home.

Sally was born in Gary, IN but live in Delaware for many years. She graduated from the University of Delaware where she earned her Bachelor's Degree. She worked as a language arts and French teacher in Baltimore and Wilmington MD and as a translator with DuPont Chemical. Most recently she worked as a preschool teacher in Fort Wayne.

She was a past member of Fort Branch of AAUW where she served as Corresponding Secretary, Bulletin Editor, and co-chair of the annual book fair. She belong a member of Bridge, Landmarks and Feminist study groups. She founded the travel group, Landmarks. She was also past member of the Aboite Township Fire Dept. Auxiliary, and a past volunteer of the Allen County SPCA. She enjoyed playing bridge, doing cross stitch, crossword puzzles, gardening, playing the piano, and reading. She had a massive stroke in May 2008. From 2008 to January 2016 she was in the Covington Manor Nursing Home. She will be greatly missed.



Weinswig

Lorraine Weinswig was born in Boston, MA March 24, 1940. She had been living in Palo Alto, California since January 2016. She had been in poor health for the past two years. She lost her husband Shepherd last November after nearly 47 years of marriage. She was a resident in Fort Wayne for 40 years.

Lorraine received her BA from Boston College and MBA from Indiana University in Business. She had a CPA. She worked in Finance for a division of Pepsi and in Fort Wayne North American Van Lines. She was philanthropist working as a docent at the art museum, used her CPA to prepare taxes for those in need, and was a resource to help people understand their medical benefits.

She was involved in many organizations including AAUW (Fort Wayne) and the League of Women Voters. She served as program director in our branch, started a mystery study group, and was a member of AAUW bridge group, Current Lit II, and Great Decision study groups. In addition, she was passionate about reading books, history, bridge, her dogs, good food, a great joke, art, classical music, especially Fort Wayne Philharmonic concerts. She enjoyed many members of our branch and friends in the community.

She is survived by her son Mark (Zsuzsi Hamburger) of Menlo Park, CA and Deborah Weinswig (Maxwell Kahn) New York, NY and four grandchildren; Ezra Kahn, Zahava Kahn, Ryan and Evan Weinswig; and her cousin Linda Hamill of Marblehead, MA. Lorraine was preceded in death by her husband Shepherd Weinswig and parents, Harold and Josephine (Cressy) and a sister.

Interest Groups

Afternoon Book Discussion – Meets the third Thursday of the month at Halls Gas House at 12:30 pm.

Sept. 21 A Spool of Blue Thread by Anne Tyler

Oct. 21 – The Peasant Price by Alex Starozynski

Nov. 18 – Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus by Naveel Quereshi

Creative Arts and Service – meets various locations, dates, times

Sept. 20—Cancer Services of NE Indiana, 1-5 pm., handmade cards for Cancer Services. Dinner at Red Lobster at 5 pm.

Oct. 18—Tour Annie Oakley Perfumery Studio, 300 Johnson St, Ligonier, IN 2 pm. Lunch at Kimmel House Inn at noon.

Nov. 22—Brentwood Elementary School, 10:30 a.m.-1 pm, serve Thanksgiving dinner to students.

Current Literature I – Meets the first Tuesday of the month at group member homes at 7:15 pm.

Oct. 4 – The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah

Nov. 1 – Sisters in Law by Linda Hirshman (Sandra Day O'Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Supreme Court)

December 6 – All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerry

Current Literature II – Meets the fourth Monday of the month at group member homes at 7 pm.

Sept. 26 – The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah

Oct. 24 – Invention of Wings by Sue Monk Kidd

Nov. 28 – Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates

Creative Stitchery and Crafts – Meets the first Tuesday of the month at group member homes at 1 pm.

Oct. 4 - Charity Fleece or Lap Quilt

Nov. 1 – Counter Pad & Cookie Exchange

Great Decisions I – Meets at 7 pm on dates scheduled

No dates at press time

Great Decisions II

Oct. 14

Nov. 13

No additional details at press time

Branch Board Meetings

Board meetings are open to all members!

Location: Business and Technical Conference Room (2nd FL)
Allen County Public Library (ACPL)
900 Library Plaza (between West Washington Blvd. and West Wayne St.)
Fall Dates: Mondays – September 19, 2016 and November 7, 2016
Start time: 6:30 pm

SAVE THE DATES

*Holiday Brunch
and Silent Auction on
December 3 at 9:30 am*

*DIY Fresh Floral
Holiday Décor
on December 6*

*Join the Creative Arts
Group in making your own
fresh holiday centerpiece.*

*More details to come
including location, cost,
RSVP deadlines, etc.*

October Program – *The Hunting Ground*

This groundbreaking, award winning CNN documentary film about sexual assault on college campuses will be shown on Saturday, October 22 at 10 am at Trinity English Lutheran Church, 450 W. Washington Blvd. Refreshments will be served (coffee, juice, rolls).

100,000 students will be sexually assaulted next year if nothing is done. The video viewing will kick off a proposed 2017 Fort Wayne AAUW project to address this problem locally.

There is no cost for this event, but please RSVP by October 17 so that we can plan for seating and refreshments.



***The Hunting Ground* Documentary**
Saturday October 22, 2016 10 am

In order to meet the host location deadline for room set up and to provide information to the committee for refreshments, RSVP no later than Monday, October 17 to Charlotte Trenary.

Via post: 5306 Indiana Avenue, Fort Wayne, IN 46807-3030

Via email: jpaultrenary5@hotmail.com

Via phone: 260-456-3849

Member Name _____

Guest Name _____

Guest Name _____

America's First Daughter

A Book Review by Dr. Bobbie Weikle

If there was ever a time to read about **how women have shaped politics**, it has to be now! Our mothers, sisters, and female co-workers truly need to read this book. The authors recount the fascinating story of Thomas Jefferson's eldest daughter, Martha "Patsy" Jefferson Randolph.

Patsy was just a young girl when her mother passed away and on her deathbed asked that she take on the role of mother to her siblings and command of the household. After the American Revolution, at about age 12, she accompanied her father to Paris and assisted in his role as an envoy from the United States. From this point on, she took on the role of America's first daughter and worked alongside her father during his presidency and throughout the rest of his life.

Although she was well-educated, with her skills as a matriarch, she married and bore 11 children. Somehow she managed to care for them and her daughter's children after *she* passed away at an early age. When her husband became the Governor, she carried on with her role as the First Lady. Through years of enduring a rocky marriage and facing the eventual desertion by her husband, Patsy still managed to carry on as matriarch of the family. Even after her husband's death left her penniless and having to live off her relatives, her political knowledge along with artful diplomacy and hostess skills were still in demand. Recognizing her many years of service as First Daughter to President Jefferson and our country, President Madison asked for her help in assuming some of the duties as First Lady during his tenure in the Whitehouse.

Throughout President Jefferson's lifetime, letters and meticulous records were kept and the authors have quoted directly from many of these primary sources, all of which reflect the biases, prejudices, and political opinions of that revolutionary time period. This book is a chronicle for women of today's generation to learn from. The harsh reality of being pioneers in a country during its infancy, along with the roles and limitations placed upon women during earlier years are a wake-up call to AAUW women. This book will help women celebrate how far we have come through the years and realize just how much farther we have to go to achieve real equality!

By Dray, Stephanie & Kamoie, Laura (2016).

America's First Daughter,
Thorndyke Press (part of
Gale, Cengage Learning)
Farmington Hills, Michigan.

Large Print edition
available

<http://www.laurakamoie.com/books>

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